

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for securing doctor blades to a printing roller doctor assembly ~~of the type that comprises~~ comprising:

releasable securing means for joining at least one longitudinal supporting portion of a doctor blade to a body of said doctor assembly, said doctor blade having a cantilevered free longitudinal portion, ~~wherein~~

said releasable securing means ~~comprises~~ comprising:

a pressing element to be put on the doctor blade, and

at least one magnetic element configured and arranged to attract said pressing element and said body to one another so as to maintain a supporting portion of the doctor blade trapped between the pressing element and a supporting surface of the body, i) a first face of said supporting portion of the ~~at least one doctor blade in firm contact with a said supporting surface of said the body and a ii)~~ the pressing element in firm contact with a second face of the supporting portion of the doctor blade opposite to said first face in contact with the body, ~~with the supporting portion of the doctor blade being trapped between said pressing element and said supporting surface of the body.~~

2. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the at least one magnetic element is imbedded in the material of the body and has an active surface that is level with the supporting surface of the body and the pressing element includes a material attractable by the magnetic element.

3. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 2, wherein the magnetic element is formed by at least one continuous strip imbedded in the material of the body along the length of the body.

4. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 2, wherein the magnetic element is formed by a plurality of pieces imbedded in the material of the body and distributed along the length of the body.

5. (Withdrawn) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the at least one magnetic element is imbedded in the material of the pressing element and has an active surface level with a pressing element surface designed to come into contact with said second face of the doctor blade, at least part of the supporting surface of the body including a material attractable by the magnetic element.

6. (Withdrawn) A device in accordance with claim 5, wherein the magnetic element is formed by at least one continuous strip imbedded in the material of the pressing element along the length of the pressing element.

7. (Withdrawn) A device in accordance with claim 5, wherein the magnetic element is formed by a plurality of pieces imbedded in the material of the pressing element along the length of the pressing element.

8. (Withdrawn) A device in accordance with claim 5, wherein the magnetic element is made of the same material as that of said pressing element.

9. (Withdrawn) A device in accordance with claim 5, wherein, in the case where the body material is not magnetic or is paramagnetic, at least one element of a material attractable by the magnetic element is imbedded in the body material and has a surface that is level with said supporting surface of the body.

10. (Withdrawn) A device in accordance with claim 5, wherein said at least one body is, at least on the supporting surface of the same, made of a material attractable by the magnetic element.

11. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 2, wherein the at least one magnetic element is linked to a mechanism configured and arranged to selectively move the magnetic element between a resting position, in which the magnetic force of the magnetic element is attenuated or cancelled, and an operating position, in which the magnetic force of the magnetic element acts on the doctor blade and on the material attractable by the magnetic element included in the pressing element.

12. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 11, wherein, in said resting position, the cited active surface of the magnetic element is sunken below and away from the supporting surface of the body, while in said operating position, the cited active surface of the magnetic element is level with the supporting surface of the body.

13. (Withdrawn) A device in accordance with claim 11, wherein the magnetic element is formed by several pieces and, in said resting position, the cited pieces of the magnetic element are arranged so that their polarities are cancelled and, in said operating position, the pieces of the magnetic element are arranged so that their polarities add together.
14. (Withdrawn) A device in accordance with claim 5, wherein the at least one magnetic element is linked to a mechanism configured and arranged to selectively move the magnetic element between a resting position, in which the magnetic force of the magnetic element is attenuated or cancelled, and an operating position, in which the magnetic force of the magnetic element acts on the doctor blade and on the cited material that is attractable by the magnetic element included in the supporting surface of the body.
15. (Withdrawn) A device in accordance with claim 14, wherein, in said resting position, the cited active surface of the magnetic element is sunken below and away from the surface of the pressing element, while in said operating position, the active surface of the magnetic element is level with the supporting surface.
16. (Withdrawn) A device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the magnetic element is formed by several pieces and, in said resting position the cited pieces of the magnetic element are arranged so that their polarities are cancelled and, in said operating position, the pieces of the magnetic element are arranged so that their polarities add together.
17. (Withdrawn) A device in accordance with claim 2, wherein the at least one magnetic element comprises an electromagnet connected to a power supply and control circuit designed to selectively activate and deactivate the magnetic force of the electromagnet.
18. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the pressing element is linked by one of its edges to the body by means of an articulation so that the pressing element can pivot between an open position and a securing position.
19. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said pressing element is independent of the body, and the body comprises a configuration designed to cooperate with an edge of the pressing element to place the pressing element in an operating position.

20. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the body comprises a configuration designed to cooperate with an edge of the doctor blade to place the doctor blade in an operating position.

21. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 1, wherein the doctor blade is made of a non-magnetic or paramagnetic material or is not attractable by a magnetic element.

22.-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Withdrawn) A device in accordance with claim 5, wherein the at least one magnetic element comprises an electromagnet connected to a power supply and control circuit designed to selectively activate and deactivate the magnetic force of the electromagnet.